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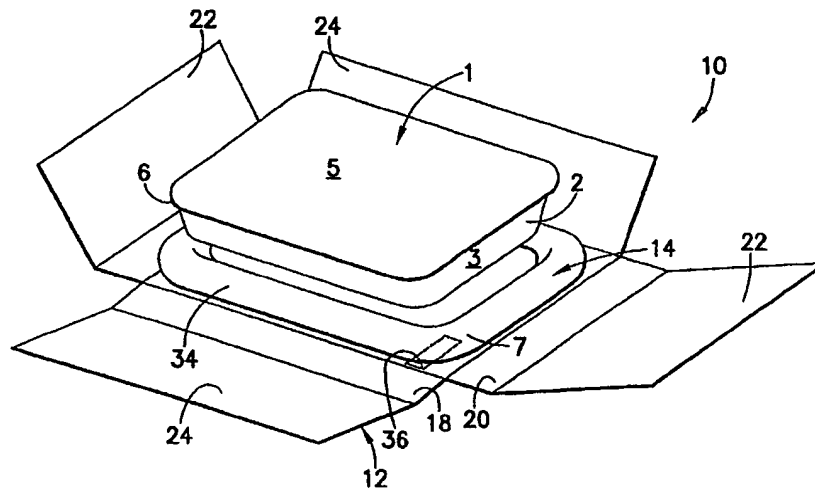
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(57) Abstract: An air cushion is provided for protecting products during shipment, and is fabricated of two sheets of heat sealable thermoplastic material secured together at seams to define an inflatable tube and two product support panels extending across the inside of the tube. The inflatable tube may be rectangular or U-shaped. The product support panels provide a product placement area, including having an opening for receiving and holding a product between the product support panels. The product support panels may be seamed to provide multiple product placement areas or shaped placement product areas. The inflation tube may be provided with stacking height extension legs that fold to overlie or underlie the inflatable tube. The thermoplastic material may include a metallic layer for shielding products from electromagnetic radiation. The air cushion is used with a carton, which closely receives the inflatable tube with the product suspended and supported in the carton.

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